

D. C. (Special Branch).

C.I. Misc. No. 128/38.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Cr. Reg. File No. E. 2190/277.

REPORT

H. Q. C. B. Station 299/17

Date Aug. 5, 1938.

Subject FURTHER TO ASSISTANCE TO JAPANESE MILITARY POLICE.

Made by D.S.I. PRYDE

Forwarded by D. I. GLOVER.

Sir,

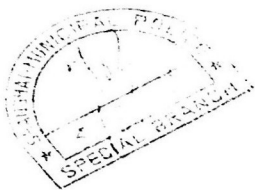
Both the arrested persons namely:-

KOO MING TS (顾明浩) &

KOO MING HAU (顾明浩)

were released at 12 noon on 4.8.38 against shop guarantees, as the Japanese Military Police stated they did not require the detention of these two men any further.

Both men had been finger printed and neither have any previous conviction.



I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

D. S. I. Pryde
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L. C. (Special Branch).

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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Subject FURTHER TO ASSISTANCE TO JAPANESE MILITARY POLICE.

Made by D.C.I. PRYDE

Forwarded by I. GLOVER.

Sir,

Statements have been taken from the two arrested persons who are still detained. Copies of statements attached.

Regarding the query of the D.C. (CRIME) on the previous report "What is evidence based on?"

At the time assistance was requested it was understood from D.S. Mitsushima that the Japanese Military Police had prisoners in custody who implicated the wanted man, Loh Kuh Ming, in terrorist acts committed on 7.7.38. Also Sgt. Major Katoda was in possession of a photograph of Loh Kuh Ming.

When, however, the application to search the Carter Road Post Office was made on 2.8.38 and this was queried by the D.C. (CRIME), Sgt. Major Katoda was questioned regarding his evidence by D.I. Glover and the undersigned and he stated that no persons had been arrested, but the Military Police were in receipt of information that Loh Kuh Ming was concerned in the assassination of Tseu Liu Wu (周新五) in the Oriental Hotel (4.7.38).

It was first understood from Sgt. Major Katoda through the interpretation of D.S. Mitsushima:-

1. That Loh Kuh Ming was employed i/c of delivery postmen at Carter Road Post Office.
2. That Loh Kuh Ming had been transferred to Canton.
3. That Loh Kuh Ming had not yet actually left for Canton but was somewhere in Shanghai awaiting transfer to Canton.

It was suggested to Sgt. Major Katoda that if the Post Office authorities knew the present whereabouts of Loh Kuh



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Ming, the proper procedure to obtain this information would be to ask Mr. Chapalain, Commissioner of Posts, for same. Sgt. Major Katoda replied that the records at the Head Post Office had already been examined and it was from there that the address of 176/5 Chungking Road was obtained.

Sgt. Major Katoda was then informed that no further assistance could be rendered in this case by C.B.H.Q. (C.1) until such time as a prima facie case was established.

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D. J.

3-8-38

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

Ch. B. Doyle
D. S. I.

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REPORT OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS.

The following is the statement of KOO MING SZ (胡明士), 23.
native of Woosung, taken by me D.S.I. Soong
at C.I. on the 2.8.38 and interpreted by Clerk Yao

My name is Koo Ming Sz, aged 23 years, native of Woosung, M/Proprietor - Dry Goods Store, Nantao, residing at House 5, Lane 199, Chungking Road.

Prior to the outbreak of hostilities, I used to be part owner of a dry-goods store in Nantao, as well as proprietor of the Kai Tai Fish Hong in Woosung.

During August, last, hostilities broke out, and we moved to Shanghai, putting up at the above address, the home of Loh Kuh Ming, after our efforts to seek a suitable house to accommodate us failed. We were altogether seven persons living at Loh's place.

Loh was seldom at home and he used to have numerous friends call at his house.

Sometime in January, 1938, Loh informed us that he intended to move into the Concession. He was then requested to allow us to continue the lease of the premises, which he agreed. Following that, he and his wife moved out, taking with them everything that was not very heavy and clumsy and used only some rickshas for transportation. His furniture has been left behind since.

Loh is related to us by marriage. He is a native of Soochow, aged about 30 years, and was formerly with the Chinese Post Office, receiving about \$70 or \$80 per month.

After his removal, visitors called and enquired re his whereabouts. Telephone messages were also received with similar queries. We do not know his exact address, except the fact that he is living somewhere in French Town. This is the truth.

Signed : KOO MING SZ ()

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The following is the statement of KOO MING HAU, Age 20.

native of Woosung taken by W. Soong. (D.S.I.)
at C.I. on the 2.8.38. and translated by Clerk Yao.

My name is Koo Ming Hau, aged 20 years, native of Woosung, S/Student, and residing at 176/5 Chunking Road.

Prior to the outbreak of hostilities, the Koo Family, to which I belong, lived at House 199 Tai Hsing Road, Woosung. We used to operate fish hongs as our profession. At that time I was studying at the Mah Lung Middle School, off Chaufoong Road.

On the outbreak of hostilities on the 13.8.37, we all moved from Woosung to take refuge at our relative, Loh Kuh Ming's residence, situated at House 5, Lane 176, Chunking Road. (Loh is related to the Koo Family by marriage). The Koo Family, which moved into Loh's house, consists of seven persons, i.e. my uncle and aunt, cousin Koo Ming Sz, Brother Koo Ming Tsung, sister Ming Rien, maid Loh Wong Sz and myself.

The hostilities discontinued my studies, as my school was situated in the War zone.

Sometime during January, 1938, without informing us beforehand, Loh Kuh Ming suddenly moved to French Town. We were rejoiced over his removal as it would save us the trouble of seeking additional rooms elsewhere for the accommodation of our family.

Consequently, we approached Loh with the request that we be allowed to formally continue the tenancy of the premises on the former's removal there-from, which was agreed to, and on the completion of all formalities, Koo's household moved out. We only know that Koo moved to French Town, but do not know the exact, address. Probably, it was Loh's intention not to

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let any body know where he lives, as none amongst his friends and relatives knows it, and we have not seen him since.

On numerous occasions after his removal, Loh's friends called at our place, asking for information regarding Loh's whereabouts. Telephone messages of such queries were also received from time to time.

It appeared that he had removed in a hurried manner. He had taken with him only those personal effects which are light and easy to handle, and everything that ^{is} heavy and clumsy have been left behind. His furniture is still in our house.

Loh is related to us through his wife, who is my niece. He is 30 years of age, a native of Soochow, and was formerly working in the Post Office where he used to receive some \$80.00 per month. I do not know to which department he was attached.

This is the truth.

Signed:- KOO MING HAU.

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H. C. C. B. Station, 8299/17

REPORT

Date August 2, 1938.

Subject ASSISTANCE TO JAPANESE MILITARY POLICE.

Made by D.S.I. PRYDE

Forwarded by

D.I. GLOVER.

Sir,

On the afternoon of 1.8.38, D.S. Mitsuhashi of the S.P.O. reported that Sgt. Major Katoda of the Japanese Military Police had requested assistance to visit Lane 176, House 5, Connaught Road, at 5:30 a.m. 2.8.38 to endeavour to arrest one, named LOH KUH MING (陸克明), a member of a mobile unit, who is suspected of being concerned in terrorist acts on 7.7.38.

Assistance was rendered by D.S.I.'s Pryde, Soong Ping Tsung of C.B.H.Q. (C.I.) and D.S. Taylor and C.D.S. 121 of Chungtu Road Station, and the given address visited at 6 a.m. 2.8.38.

It was found that this house is now occupied by a family named KOO (顧) and a doctor named KAU TSUNG PONG (高松邦).

Loh Kuh Ming (the wanted man) was previously the chief tenant of this house and is related by marriage to the Koo family.

Koo Tai Shao (顧泰巢), the head of the Koo family, was previously the master of fish hong at Woosung and had a sub-office in Kantao. When the hostilities commenced, he removed to the Settlement and obtained accommodation with his relation, Loh Kuh Ming. Loh Kuh Ming at that time was an employee of the Chinese Post Office at North Szechuen Road.

Koo Tai Shao's son, named Koo Ming To (顧明透) and his nephew, named Koo Ming Hau (顧明浩), both of whom live at this address, state that Loh Kuh Ming left this address secretly in January, 1938, and removed to the French Concession, address unknown. He was accompanied by his two wives and five children when he removed, but left his furniture at 176/5 Chungking Road.



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Koo Ming To and Koo Ming Hau were removed to C.B.H.Q. for further enquiries and C.D.S.115 and a member of the Japanese Military Police were left at 176/5 Chungking Road, as the Military Police consider it probable that the wanted man will communicate with this address by telephone.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

Ch. B. Hyde.
D.S.I.

D.C.(CRIME).

Copies to :

D.C.(SPECIAL BRANCH).

S.P.OFFICE.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No: **Misc. 287/38**

"A" Division.
Chengtu Rd Police Station.
2-8-38 19

Diary Number: **1/Sheet 1**

Nature of Offence:—

Time at which
investigation begun
and concluded each day

5.45a.m. - 6.40a.m.
2-8-38.

Places
visited in
course of
investigation
each day

5/176 Chungking Road.

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Assistance to Crime Branch Headquarters Staff and Japanese Military Authorities.

Previous arrangements having been made with the Senior Detective; at 5.45a.m. 2-8-38, D.S.I. Pryde (C.1) D.S. Mitushima (S.P.O.) S.I. Soong Ping Tsung, U.D.S.'s 115 and 304 (C.1) came to the station and requested assistance to visit House 5, Lane 176 Chungking Road on behalf of the Japanese Military Authorities represented by Sgt. Maj. Katoda, Sgt. Tsujita, and Sgt. Ikeda of the Japanese Military Police (All in plain clothes), to arrest one named Loh Kuh Ming (陸克明) suspected to be leader of a mobile unit in Footung and concerned in terroristic activities on the anniversary of the Lukuchiao Incident on 7-7-38.

D.S. Taylor and U.D.S. 121 accompanied the aforementioned parties to the above address, where it was learned that the wanted man, Loh Kuh Ming had removed from this address in October 1937 and his present whereabouts were unknown. He had turned over the chief-tenancy of the house to Koo Dai Tiao (顧丹巢), 63, Woosung, retired fish broker, who resided in the house with his family consisting of wife, 3 nephews, and 2 nephews' wives, and 2 nieces. The guest room being sub-let to a native style doctor Koh Tsun Hang (高振邦).



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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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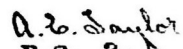
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As two of the nephews named (1) Koo Ming Hao (顧明浩) ✓
20, Woosung, S/unemployed, and (2) Koo Ming Tsung (顧明徵)
24, Woosung, M/unemployed, admitted previously knowing
the wanted man Loh Yuh Ming, the Japanese Authorities
requested that these two persons be taken to Police
Headquarters for questioning.

Detectives returned to the station with the two
suspects, Crime Branch and Japanese Military parties at
6.40a.m. 2-8-38. No documents were seized and after the
names of the detained persons were taken in the Charge
Room they were removed to Crime Branch Headquarters for
further enquiries.

C.D.S. 115 (C.I.) Sergeant Ikeda (Japanese Military
Police) and C.D.C. 218 (Chengtu Road) were left at the
scene to intercept any telephone calls or visitors until
further orders.


Sen. Det. 1/c.


A. L. Taylor.
D.S. 2.

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